

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Action. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to further set forth the application. No new matter has been added. Currently, claims 1-11 are pending and submitted for reconsideration.

Section 103 Rejection

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Takita et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,005, hereinafter "*Takita*") in view of *Johnson* (U.S. Patent No. 5,625,373).

The outstanding Action asserts that *Takita* teaches switching portions 208 that electrically disconnects the grayscale voltage lines from the grayscale voltage generating portion. Such assertion is respectfully traversed in view of the amended claim 1.

The following is described in column 12, lines 14-21 of *Takita*:

The outputs 204 and 205 are supplied to the voltage divider 206. In accordance with the outputs DG0 to DG15 of the output bus 119-0, the voltage divider 206 selects one of the divisional voltages of the 16 levels including the potential of the output 205 and generated by the group of voltage dividing resistors 207, by means of any of the selection switching elements 208. Then, the selected voltage is delivered to the output line 122-0.

That is, the selection switching elements 208 are merely used for selecting one of the divisional voltages in 16 levels. *Takita* does not disclose or suggest a switching portion for electrically disconnecting a plurality of grayscale voltage lines from a grayscale voltage generating portion during an operation test, and electrically connecting the plurality of grayscale voltage lines to the grayscale voltage generating portion during a normal mode of operation as now set forth in claim 1.

Indeed, the combination of **Takita** and **Johnson** also fails to teach or suggest the above-discussed limitation as now set forth in claim 1 from which claims 2-11 depend. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11 are now allowable over **Takita** and **Johnson**.

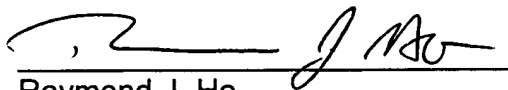
In view of the above remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-11 recites subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. Applicants therefore request that each of claims 1-11 be found allowable, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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